

City of Alameda

Proposed Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan

The City of Alameda's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan details the funding strategy for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), for the period between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020. The program year (PY) 2019 (FY 2019-20) Action Plan outlines the implementation of 2019 funding, which is developed through significant public input, analyses, and planning.

The City's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) describes the efforts that the City will take to encourage its residents to participate in developing these plans. It also provides requirements for public process when a "substantial amendment" to the Action Plan is proposed. The following changes constitute a substantial amendment and require public notice as described in the CPP:

- A variation of \$15,000 or more than 25% of the funded amount (whichever is greater);
- A 50% or greater variation in the quantifiable objectives of the activity (such as number of persons served, units of service, linear feet of concrete, etc.); and,
- A change in the goal(s) of the activity (such as job creation, acquisition of a facility, provision of child care).

However, due to COVID-19, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued guidance that that waives the Citizen Participation Plan requirements for entitlement recipients, provided that (1) no fewer than five days are provided for public comment and that (2) reasonable notice and the opportunity to comment is provided.

Additionally, HUD has awarded supplemental funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that requires programming in the PY 2019 Action Plan. As such the following changes (**bolded**) shall be made to the PY 2019 Action Plan:

1: Expected Resources

Original Plan:

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,122,143	123,000	202,697	1,447,840	0	As a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Alameda receives an annual CDBG entitlement allocation from HUD. CDBG funds can be used for a variety of housing and community development activities which benefit low- and moderate-income people.

Amended Plan:

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation:	Program Income:	Prior Year Resources:	Total:	\$	
			\$	\$	\$	\$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$ 1,122,143	\$ 123,000	\$ 202,697	\$ 1,447,840	\$ 0	As a CDBG entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Alameda receives an annual CDBG entitlement allocation from HUD. CDBG funds can be used for a variety of housing and community development activities which benefit low- and moderate-income people.
CDBG - CV	public - federal	Acquisition, Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, and Public Services	\$ 683,116	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 683,116	\$ -	Supplemental funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Eligible projects must follow the requirements, including a variety of housing and community development activities which benefit low- and moderate-income people.

2: 2019 Projects

Original Plan:

#	Project Name	CDBG Allocation
1	Emergency Food Distribution	\$25,121
2	Midway Shelter	\$75,350
3	Direct Legal Services	\$19,370
4	Legal Assistance for Alameda Seniors	\$19,374
5	Housing Counseling	\$8,743
6	Fair Housing Services	\$15,000
7	211 Information & Referral	\$23,813
8	Community Based Development Corporation	\$99,531
9	Cross Alameda Trail	\$101,835
10	Alameda Family Services Fire Sprinkler Upgrade	\$104,507
11	Clearance Activities	\$207,000
12	Substantial Rehabilitation 19-20	\$171,688
13	Housing Safety Program	\$43,675
14	Residential Rehabilitation Program Delivery	\$209,014
15	General Administration	\$210,052
16	EveryOne Home	\$9,260
17	Alameda Food Bank Tenant Improvement	\$104,507
	Total	\$1,447,840

Amended Plan:

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16	EveryOne Home	\$9,260		\$9,260
17	Alameda Food Bank Tenant Improvement	\$104,507		\$104,507
18	Emergency Rent Relief		\$583,116	\$583,116
19	Emergency Shelter		\$50,000	\$50,000
	Total	\$1,447,840	\$683,116	\$1,497,840

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Emergency Food Distribution
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing: Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,121 CDBG-CV: \$50,000
	Description	A minimum of 2,000 Alameda households who might use the Food Bank will be reached through active outreach efforts to publicize the food banks services for the purpose of enhancing the living environment of Alameda. The Project is eligible under 570.201(e) of the CDBG regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will assist 2,100 families.
	Location Description	1900 Thau Way, Alameda, CA 94501 (Citywide)
	Planned Activities	Provides nutritious food to low-income residents.
18	Project Name	Emergency Rent Relief
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing: Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Public Services
	Funding	CDBG – CV: \$583,116

	Description	The COVID-19 Emergency Rent Relief Program will provide up to \$3500 of assistance or one month's rent, whichever is less, to Alameda tenants who are financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Program funding will be in the form of a grant to assist eligible affected tenants in paying rent, immediately preceding the expiration of the Urgency Eviction Moratorium Ordinance (i.e. May 31, 2020), as this is when residents financially impacted by COVID-19 will be most at risk for eviction action. This is part of the CDBG CARES Act funds.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will benefit 215 households.
	Location Description	All beneficiaries will be located in the City of Alameda.
	Planned Activities	Staff estimates that the rental assistance payments will average \$2500 to low-and moderate-income households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
19	Project Name	Emergency Shelter
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Non-Housing: Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Public Services
	Funding	CDBG – CV: \$50,000
	Description	The Emergency Shelter Program (“Program”) is designed to assist individuals who may be fleeing stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking that is occurring within the City of Alameda. The intent of this Program is to provide safe, emergency shelter for survivors who might otherwise be forced to remain sheltered with an abusive person. Funds constitute part of the CARES Act funding.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will benefit 20 people.
	Location Description	Individuals who are fleeing stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking that is occurring within the City of Alameda.

	Planned Activities	The Program will provide assistance in the form of: Hotel Vouchers, Grocery Gift Cards, and Transportation Vouchers (i.e., Clipper Card or Gas Gift Card). Individuals may be referred to the Program by different sources, including but not limited to: Alameda Police Department, Partner agencies and the Program Administrator's Hotline. Individuals will be directed to a confidential location, provided with basic toiletries, gift cards for groceries and temporary housing where they may shelter away from their abuser.
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